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# **Tories spying** on Smith?

POLITICS Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach's staff is being accused of spying on the leader of the Wildrose Alliance following last week's throne speech

Danielle Smith said some people she chatted with on Thursday later called her executive assistant to say they were asked why they were talking with her.

'I think that's disgraceful, frankly, that people are fearful that by supporting another political party that they may find there's some kind of retri-bution," Smith said.

She made the allegations Friday night in Edmonton.

Jerry Bellikka, Stelmach's media relations manager, said Smith is irresponsible to make these allegations without proof.



New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees holds his son Baylen after Super Bowl XLIV against the Indianapolis Colts in Miami, Fla., yesterday. The Saints beat the Colts 31-17. Coverage, page 12

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# Not all donations equal

Some groups take 2-10% of Haiti funds for overhead costs

# Haiti Crisis

As Canadians continue to donate tens of millions of dollars to relief efforts in Haiti, aid organizations are scrambling to ensure as much money as possible finds its way into the devastated country.

With the federal government's window to match donations set to close Friday, charities and NGOs are hoping the incentive will give one final push to their fundraising campaigns.

But administrative costs, logistical challenges and in a few cases shady bookkeeping mean some dona-

# Varying expenses

- World Vision Canada aims to administration and keep fundraising costs at 10 per cent or below.
- International Development and Relief Foundation keeps 8.5 per cent of all donations for administrative costs.
- The Humanitarian Coalition (which includes OXFAM-Canada, OXFAM-Quebec, Care Canada and Save the Children Canada) says currently eight per cent of donations is given

tions are more likely than others to end up helping survivors of last month's earthquake.

A survey of several lead-

- over for administration. UNICEF Canada is anticipat-
- ing its costs will represent between two and five per cent of donations
  - Plan International Canada says 100 per cent of the money it receives for Haiti is sent to the country.
  - Adventist Development and Relief Agency Canada is also committed to using 100 per cent of donations for project funds in Haiti.

ing aid organizations in Canada revealed that while some guarantee every dollar of every donation will be sent to the country, many

take a percentage in order to process the funds.

The percentages vary between two and 10 per cent and are aimed at covering such expenditures as advertising, manning call centres and maintaining website servers.

Once on the ground, there is still no guarantee a dollar donated will end up buying food, water, shelter or medical aid. Aid groups acknowledge enormous sums must first be spent on logistics.

For example, it can cost as much as \$2,000 US per day to hire a truck to bring potable water from the Dominican Republic into Haiti. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# northeast house fire

BLAZE Nine people were forced to flee a burning northeast home vesterday evening, with one man sent to hospital in an ambulance.

Firefighters were called to a home in the 5100 block of Whitestone Road NE shortly after 5 p.m., where three adults and six children had already fled the burning structure.

One man, suffering from carbon monoxide exposure, was assessed and transported to the Peter Lougheed Centre, the fire department said. He was stable at the time of transport.

Firefighters battled the blaze for 30 minutes before bringing it under control. The home suffered extensive fire and smoke damage throughout and firefighters remained on scene, removing the cellu-lose insulation in the attic of the home.

EMS advised the remaining occupants of the burned-out home to go to hospital for precautionary reasons, the fire department said.

The Calgary Emergency Management Agency and the Red Cross were contacted to provide help for the displaced victims, the fire department said.

According to the fire department, nearby structures were unaffected and neighbours did not need to be evacuated.

The amount of damage and the cause of the blaze had not been determined.

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# **Rescue volunteers wanted**

The Calgary Search and Rescue Association (CALSARA) is looking to fill 30 volunteer positions. The volunteers would undergo extensive training during the spring to help conduct massive ground searches, the agency said. Currently, CALSARA has 105 members and the team is called out to up to 20 missions per year.

#### **News** in brief

CARBON MONOXIDE Fire crews evacuated a condominium complex in the 4900 block of 130 Avenue SE after a gas complaint around 10 a.m. yesterday morning. When crews arrived, they discovered high levels of carbon monoxide, caused by an air unit that was frozen over. No injuries to civilians or firefighters were reported.

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Calgary **Tweets** 

**@shinraisei** Yeah, rallying for the Saints, cause my HS band visited from Calgary 4 mths before the hurricane in '05 so.... **@stevenpage** That "Believe" song for the olympics sounds like a memorial for fallen athletes. Makes me miss David Foster's Love Theme from Calgary 88. **@gizzydee** Dinner @ the Calgary Tower's Sky 360 ○ will be checking ur tweets for up-

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dates on the SuperBowl! So keep tweeting!

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# Do garages detach neighbours?

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Imagine the vibrancy and friendliness of the Sesame

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If Calgary Food Police

If Calgary Food Policy Council chair Paul Hughes has his way, the city of Calgary would look a lot more like the friendly cartoon neighbourhood than houses side-by-side separated by infills and laneways.

"I think we should be promoting green spaces and arable areas instead of focusing on aesthetics. I think we need to have more garages in the front of houses and under houses than in the backwards," Hughes said.

Hughes pointed out the infills between garages and laneways take away valuable space that could be used as gardens. Instead, the garages create almost no neighbourly contact, he added.

"You go down an alley



Calgary Food Policy Council's Paul Hughes shows a back alley in the city's southwest, where he says detached garages have taken away from the overall atmosphere of the neighbourhood.

and you can't see your house, you can't see your neighbours and often there is crime associated with it because you can't see anything."

Hughes would like to see council move towards promoting front laneways and garages connected to homes, instead of "paving paradise".

Council is set to discuss the land-use of the Infill Housing Policy today and Ward 7 Ald. Druh Farrell says she believes the city's current bylaws are accurate to the city's needs.

"I don't think it's as simple as just putting a driveway in the front, there are challenges to both," Farrell said.

She added she believes altering neighbourhoods may actually be detrimental to the community character.

"I think the communities that don't already have front garages don't want them."

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# Woman hospitalized, 12 evacuated in apartment fire

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EVACUATION Residents were left temporarily homeless after a fire sent one woman to hospital and 12 people were evacuated during an early morning fire yesterday.

Acting fire battalion chief Al Hird said while the 12 people were evacuated from a "fiveplex" at 804 – 44 St. SE as a precaution, it's lucky nobody was more seriously injured in the fire that sent one woman to

ospital

"Â fire broke out in the woman's apartment because a cooking pot was left unattended and she couldn't control the fire," Hird said, adding the others were uninjured.

Fire crews put out the fire on arrival around 1:33 a.m. and put up residents in hotels and treated the woman on scene, who was suffering second-degree burns and smoke inhalation.

"She has since been treated and released," Hird added.



A Do Not Enter sign remains at the scene of a house fire in the city's southeast.

Hird said crews usually wait a day and check the

## **Damage estimate**

• Crews originally pegged the interior damage at \$30,000 but acting fire battalion chief Al Hird said he believed that number will be higher when the investigation is concluded.

oxygen levels before allowing residents back into the home but expected they would be back by today. Damage was contained to the interior of the apartment where the fire originated.

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# Busy mom's beef lands her Dr. Phil gig

# Angry writer posted comments online about Washington Post article on mothers and leisure time

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**Putting in her two cents** has bought a Calgary "writing mother" her 15 minutes of fame after she caught the eye of the Dr. Phil show.

Heather Cook, a.k.a. The Writing Mother, commented on a blog about a Washington Post article where she noted 74-year-old University of Maryland sociologist John Robinson stating that mothers have 30 hours of leisure time every week.

"I don't know where he thinks the leisure time is, if it's reading a work book while bathing, or studying work notes while watching my son's karate but I was

upset he was trying to redefine my leisure time," Cook told Metro.

Cook barely has time for sleep while she cares for a husband, an eight-year-old son and a three-year-old daughter, and works fulltime, but she has even found time to write two books last year, she says.

"I'm a very busy mother, and I definitely don't have 30 hours of free time. I'm definitely not complaining because I choose it that way, but his comments were a shock.'

While Cook's comments on Undomestic Diva's blog spot were among hundreds of other angry mothers, hers caught the eye of producers on the Dr. Phil show who asked her to produce a video for the show

"I was surprised they contacted me over everyone else but I think this is a lot of fun. I just wanted to express my opinion that I'm a very busy mother, and I definitely don't have 30 hours of free time."

Cook had to tape her Dr. Phil piece — safely — while driving, but the video is set to air on Feb. 22, according to Dr. Phil officials.



Heather Cook's beef with a Washington Post article landed her on the Dr. Phil show, to be aired later this month



Shalane Sylvester and Janel Quistberg of Wizard Lake Marine play in one of the boats at the 2010 Calgary Boat and Sportmen's Show in Calgary this weekend at Stampede Park.

# Inflatable boats a hit at show

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LEISURE Calgarians love their recreational toys and the popularity of boats has managed to stay afloat de-spite troubled economic waters, according to sport and boat show officials.

Over 21,000 visitors sailed through the 2010 Calgary Boat and Sportsmen's Show at Stampede Park this weekend and more buyers are turning to a more practical option: The inflatable boat.

"It's not only more af-fordable in some cases but it's actually more practical. Not a lot of people have the space to store an 18foot boat in their driveway, but most people can store a 12-foot boat in their closet," Stan Reid of Zebec Canada said.

Reid said inflatable boats have become more and more popular each year, but also says their compact size and cost don't cut into

"You can fit more people, they are more durable and it's fun for the whole family."

Show manager Laurie Paetz says Calgarians love their toys and won't let the economy sink them.

"I think with something like the inflatable boat you can bring it into the river, which is very popular in Calgary and you can bring some sails into the Glenmore waters, so it's just a lot of fun for people," she said.

# Bus rapid transit for city's southwest on agenda

DEBATE City council will city to look at a potential-

ministration to research the validity of a bus rapid transit in the city's southwest. Ald. Brian Pincott

will push his council colleagues to Pincott agree to look at additional transportation for what he considers to be a troubled SW transportation corridor.
Pincott is asking for the

debate today the merits of ly larger scale BRT project a proposal for ad-

cludes having dedicated bus lanes in order to shuttle Calgarians from Anderson Rd. along 14 St. SW, Glenmore and Crowchild and into the downtown.

Pincott has stated in the past he views this as an opportunity for the city to do something "different" for mass transit in Calgary. METRO CALGARY

# CALGARY OBITUARIES CalgaryObits.com notes the following deaths

AHEARN, Ruth Mary (Cook) ALGER, Harry Elliott

ASHMORE, Gwynneth Mary (nee ETHERINGTON) BAHNUIK, Walter (Marvin) BEARSPAW, Colleen Andrea

BERTIE, Mike CHOW, Shuet Mui Alice ENJENESKI, Stanley FOLKMANN, Elizabeth

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PERKINS Kathleen PYKE, Evelyn Theresa Mary (nee Cormier)

ROSS, Grant Arnett, PhD, PEng SACKVILLE, Archibald (Archie)

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SCHOFIELD, Beatrice (Bea) (nee

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WARRINER, Gordon Edward (Ed) WATKINS, Grace Patience (Barnes) WILKS. lames (lim) Harold

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# **News** in brief

**CHARGES** Hit and run charges have been laid against a Calgary man, after initial charges of impaired driving and four counts of impaired driving causing bodily harm. Trung Nguyen, 19, faces the charges after an incident in the parking lot at a restaurant in the 4000 block of 17 Ave SE early Saturday morning.

**SEX ASSAULT** City police are looking for a man they believe responsible for a sexual assault at a business in the 3000 block of Centre St. N. Police said a business owner was allegedly assaulted after opening the business Thursday morning. The offender is described as a Caucasian, five feet, eight to 11 inches tall, about 180 lbs, with brown hair, goatee and long

sent to three locations to investigate the possible contamination of radioactive materials, according to the Fire Department. The call was triggered by radiation detection at a scrap metal yard in the southeast, where radinactivity was detected in electrical components removed from an electrical facility at SAIT. The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission was consulted in the incident. METRO CALGARY

**RADIOACTIVE** Firefighters were

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Health issues forced Jack Layton to miss a scheduled appearance Saturday, his first since announcing he has prostate cancer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Canada

# Minister's office blocked report

Bureaucrat's aide moved to stop release

A federal cabinet minister's aide killed the release of a sensitive report requested under freedom-of-information legislation.

A bureaucrat had to make a mad dash to the department's mailroom last July to retrieve the report at under orders from a senior aide to then-Public Works minister Christian Paradis.

The order was issued by Sebastien Togneri, Paradis'

**"Well unrelease it."**Sebastien Togneri,
minister's aide

parliamentary affairs director, in an email after he was told the file was on its way to The Canadian Press, which had requested it.

"Well unrelease it,"
Togneri said in a July 27
email to a senior official in
the department's Access to
Information section.

"What's the point of asking for my opinion if you're just going to release it!"

The document was an annual report on the real-estate portfolio, which contained information on high vacancy rates and weak returns on investment.

Internal documents on how Public Works handled the file were released to The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Vancouver 2010 volunteers direct traffic near the athletes' village yesterday. Some visitors have been dismayed at the amount of rules and red tape they are finding in Vancouver.

# Vancouver visitors have a beef

RED TAPE As the International Olympic Committee pokes around Vancouver checking on preparations for this month's Games, they generally come away smiling.

But there's one thing

But there's one thing that's raising some eyebrows — where's the medium-rare beef?

With restaurants following guidelines that say hamburgers can only be served well-done, IOC members used to having it their way are being told no way.

VANCOUVER 2010 **Games** 

"Why must Canada suck the flavour out?" one IOC member groused.

Vancouver may have a reputation for a laid-back attitude, but international groups have been stymied by all the rules and regulations thrown their way.

Several national Olympic committees were left floundering as local bylaws and immigration laws held

Native hunters assert rights

up their attempts to set up pavilions to showcase their culture and their people.

The Dutch almost abandoned a program to bring 425 bicycles to Vancouver when they were told they couldn't leave any behind unless they paid the applicable taxes.

cable taxes.

In true Canadian fashion, compromises were always reached — the bikes left behind will be going to charity so the taxes have been waived.

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# **News** in brief

SPENDING A \$59-million federal program to train native fisheries managers lacked reporting controls to track spending and results, says an internal audit. The audit found several flaws in the way reporting requirements were structured.

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AID Aboriginal hunters across the North are pushing back against attempts to conserve wildlife, launching court actions and legislative measures to stop the three territories from regulating the harvest of caribou and polar bears.

"Aboriginal people are very aware of their rights," said Bill Erasmus of the Dene Nation in Yellowknife, who faces legal action for hunting in defiance of a ban on taking caribou from the declining Bathurst herd.

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Tanning salons want regulation

In response to federal worries about cancer, tanning salon operators are calling on provinces to help regulate operating standards. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Faith-based loans helping Afghan poor

The old mullah fingers the orange and red beads as a visitor looks over a sheet of paper he has been handed.

Scrawled on the sheet in Pashto is the cleric's written approval for a faithbased lending company that is helping Kandahar's

impoverished to prosper. The firm needs his blessing to do business. The document condones the company's unique way of lending under Islamic law, or Shariah.

Different rules govern loans in Muslim countries like Afghanistan. Shariah permits commerce, but forbids charging riba, or interest, on loans.

So the Islamic Investment and Finance Co-oper"In Islamic Shariah, this is allowed. This is not prohibited."

Asadullah Stanikzai,

Islamic Investment and Finance Co-operative

ative in Kandahar city does things differently. The scheme works like

The scheme works like this: Borrowers first buy into the co-operative. Instead of handing them a wad of cash, the firm buys them the seeds or fertilizer or whatever goods they need to get their businesses off the ground.

The loans are repaid in instalments. And while the co-operative charges nominal interest, usually no more than two per cent, that money is divvied up amongst all its 2,800 members, less its expenses.

"In Islamic Shariah, this is allowed. This is not prohibited," said Asadullah Stanikzai, head of the cooperative.

What amounts to about \$370,000 has been loaned out since the firm opened its doors in July 2008, he said

A white board at the back of the room lists some of the nearly 600 borrowers who have outstanding loans. In wood cupboards marked "Kandahar city," "Maywand" and "Panjwaii" are files on each of the borrowers. The Canadian press

# Preparing for the great off-line

LAW Emru Townsend fought cancer online. His blogs, websites and photosharing accounts richly documented his courageous battle with leukemia and his search for a bonemarrow donor.

After Townsend died in 2008, his grieving family was desperate to maintain their online connection to him and inspire other cancer patients with his story, but their attempts to do so were stymied by a digital lock on his computer.

Emru had left behind his password, but it was somehow lost.

The Townsend family's frustrations highlight a distressing divide in the digital universe: In the real world, wills set out instructions to family and colleagues in the event of death. But those postmortem road maps are painfully scarce in the virtual world.

We now bank online, work online and date online. We have passwordprotected email, social networking and blogging ac-



Emru Townsend fought cancer online. His blogs, websites and photo-sharing accounts richly documented his courageous battle with leukemia and his search for a bone-marrow donor.

counts. We use commercial services like PayPal, Amazon Merchant and eBay. We own web domains, advertising space and avatars.

If you haven't planned for what happens to those assets in the event of your digital demise, you aren't alone

"Most people don't think about it," said Donna Neff, an estate lawyer in Stittsville, Ont. "It just doesn't occur to them."

Neff said her law office recently added online affairs to its estate planning checklist, after passwordprotected web accounts became a problem for clients whose business partners or relatives died.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Fire destroys CTV newsroom, archives

OTTAWA Anchor Max Keeping usually tells his audience about fires in his city, but yesterday he found himself reporting on the blaze that gutted his own newsroom.

The early morning blaze destroyed CTV's Ottawa newsroom at its local station, CJOH-TV. Damages were estimated at more than \$2.5 million, the network said on its website.

Among the losses were

the local news archives of Ottawa's history and the 37-year video history of Keeping, who is set to retire April 1, CTV said.

It could be days before staff can return to the building, but plans to continue production from the A Channel building in the Byward Market were moving forward, CTV said.

Newsroom staff have already held their first meeting about resuming broadcasting, Keeping said in an interview with CTV News Channel.

The station was to be on the air last night with local news during the Super Bowl and would have its local newscast night at 11:30 p.m., he said. CTV stations in Montre-

al, Toronto and Saskatchewan were sending some cameras and edit suites to Ottawa, he added.

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#### **Comment**

# Anger over tunnel funding misplaced



utrage followed when the federal and provincial governments recently announced they will not pay almost \$200 million for the airport tunnel proposed to link 96th Ave.

N.E. to Airport Trail, but the outrage is misdirected. Assuming the estimated

\$287 to \$394 million tunnel is even needed, the only reason it is needed is because the Calgary Airport Authority is constructing a new runway that will see Barlow Trail north of McKnight Boulevard closed permanently to make way for it. But I haven't seen many pointing fingers at the airport authority.

The closure is going to increase congestion on the remaining routes to and from the airport, and adversely affect hotels,

restaurants and other businesses south of the airport.

Calgarians are reacting to the impending impacts. More than 400 people attended a rally in November demanding public funding for the tunnel.

Two Facebook groups have been created for the same reason. And a group called the Airport Trail Access Committee has set up a website, created a YouTube video and has been rallying support from citizens to lobby for government funding of the project.

project.
The federal and provin-

cial governments were each asked to pony up \$98.6 million, the city promised \$50 million as well as ongoing maintenance costs, but the airport authority, responsible for shutting down the Barlow Trail access, only put \$40 million on the table.

They could do better. Vancouver's Canada Line
— linking the Skytrain from the airport in Richmond to Vancouver covering 19.2 kilometres and carrying around 100,000 passengers daily — received 19 per cent of its funding from the Vancou

ver Airport Authority, five per cent more than the Calgary Airport Authority offered for the tunnel.

The bulk of the funding for the Canada Line came from the federal and provincial governments, but its impacts are arguably much more favourable to the public — not just increased access to and from the airport, but also reduced greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution

Our proposed tunnel included space for a future rail link that could be used to link the airport to a fu-

ture LRT station.

Those plans are so far off and tentative though, they're almost not worth mentioning. Let's be clear — the tunnel is for cars and that's not good enough.

We shouldn't be so eager to pour public funds into an inferior project that also isn't getting backed up with adequate financing from the airport authority — after all, they caused this mess in the first place.

Adrienne Beattie is a Calgary-born writer who has covered urban issues since 2001 and has an English degree from the University of Calgary.

#### **Views**

# Plagiarizing poetry is the key to her heart



With Feb. 14 fast approaching, today I provide support for readers who fall into the category known as "special-occasion challenged" or, al-

ternatively, "men." True, not all men are special-occasion challenged. To find out if you are, answer this simple question.

To me, Valentine's Day is: a) A magical 24 hours when I can shower my partner with the love and appreciation she deserves.

b) What? If you choose b), he

If you choose b), help is at hand.

First, remember that your goal on Valentine's Day is to show your partner that you've thought about her. And not only when you wondered who you could get to make snacks for poker night.

A classic way to do this is by creating something personal and artistic. For "artistic," it's best to stick to poetry. Interpretive dance does not usually work so well except to give her something to share with her friends on You'libe.

Many men, when con-

fronted with the exciting challenge of writing poetry respond, "Can't I just chew off my arm instead?" No. That kind of thing is hardly ever romantic. What you want is to give her something meaningful and heartfelt that expresses your love in terms only you could use. To achieve this, you simply have to steal it from someone else.

Stealing poetry is entirely OK. There's an old saying, "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery ... except if you're making knock-off handbags or watches, in which case it's illegal." An important tip: The best poems to steal are ones that don't contain the words

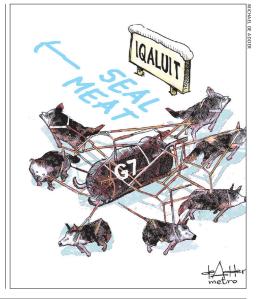
"booty" or "hot" or that you didn't get off either a washroom stall door or a site for Metallica lyrics.

Here are two suggestions: "Love is not love that alters when its alteration finds, nor bends with the remover to remove."

This is perfect for the woman you'd describe as "has never, ever read Shakespeare, so won't know I stole this."

So, this Valentine's Day gentlemen, remember this. Plagiarize a little poetry, and you'll steal your way into her heart.

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# World



# Ukraine opposition takes election

An exit poll says opposition leader Viktor Yanukovych, left, has been elected Ukraine's next president, steering the country away from the pro-Western course set by the 2004 Orange evolution. The National Election Poll predicted that the Russia-leaning Yanukovych would finish first in yesterday's runoff ballot, 48.7 per cent to 45.5 per cent, with most other votes for the "Against all" category. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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# **Hundreds flee ahead** of NATO offensive

Minivans piled high with mattresses and clothing lined up at checkpoints yesterday as hundreds of civilians fled a Talibancontrolled area ahead of a planned NATO offensive in southern Afghanistan.

The militants, meanwhile, dug in for a fight, reinforcing their positions with rocket-propelled grenades and heavy weapons, according to witnesses.

The U.S. military has not given a start date for the operation to clear insurgents from the Helmand province town of Marjah, the biggest community in the south under insurgent control. But the military has said fighting will start soon and many residents weren't taking any chances.

American aircraft dropped leaflets over Marjah yesterday warning people of the coming offensive, officers said, and the U.S. fired illumination rounds after sundown, apparently to help spot Taliban positions.

# Refugees

- The International Committee of the Red Cross said there was no way to count the number of people who have left Marjah because many have moved in with relatives or rented houses in nearby towns instead of registering for emergency relief.
- Ghulam Faroog Noorzai, the head of the provincial refugee department, estimated that 90 to 100 families had left the

Villagers said the leaflets were aimed primarily at the militants, listing several of their commanders by name and warning fighters to leave the area or be killed.

U.S. Gen. Stanley Mc-Chrystal, the top NATO commander in Afghanistan, said the success of the operation depends on convincing civilians the government will improve services once the militants are gone.

The offensive in Marjah - a farming community

Marjah area because of concerns about the operation. Afghan families have an average of six members, according to private relief groups.

 Refugee officials held an emergency meeting last week and decided to stockpile food and erect five big tents on a school compound in the nearby provincial capital Lashkar Gah to accommodate any influx. Noorzai said.

and major opium-production centre with a population of 80,000 — will be the first since U.S. President Barack Obama announced he was sending 30,000 additional troops.

U.S. officials have long telegraphed their intention to seize Marjah. McChrystal said the element of surprise was not as important as letting citizens know an Afghan government will be there to replace the Taliban.

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# Britain tightening student visa rules

**EDUCATION** Britain is tightening its rules on student visas to prevent people from flouting the rules and working illegally.

The changes — which are effective immediately won't stop genuine students from travelling to Britain to study, but will close an avenue that has been exploited, Home Secretary Alan Johnson said

yesterday. Under the new rules, those from outside the European Union who come to Britain for short courses less than six months - can no longer bring their dependents. Johnson said the number of hours foreign students will be able to work will also be cut from

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# Antarctica Collision on the high seas



Anti-whaling group Sea Shepherd's ship the Bob Barker, left, and Japanese harpoon boat the Yushin Maru 3, collide in the waters off Antarctica on Saturday. It was the second major clash this year in the increasingly aggressive confrontations between the two sides.

# **Deadly blast** at power plant

**CONNECTICUT** An explosion that sounded like a sonic boom blew out walls of an unfinished power plant and set off a fire during a test of natural gas lines yesterday, killing at least five workers and injuring a dozen or more.

The explosion at the leen Energy Systems lant in Middletown, Kleen about 20 miles south of Hartford, could be heard and felt for miles.

Deputy Fire Marshal Al Santostefano said last night no one was known to be missing amid the rub-ble from the damaged plant. Still, crews planned to spend all night going through debris in case there were any more victims. The cause of the gas explosion at about 11:15 a.m. was unknown, and the investigation was to begin this morning, he

Santostefano said 50 to 60

# **Status of injured**

 Officials had not released the conditions of the other injured people by late yesterday afternoon, but hospitals reported some seriously injured patients.

people were in the area at the time of the explosion, and multiple contractors were working on the project, making it difficult to quickly account for every-

The 620-megawatt plant, which was almost complete, is being built to produce energy primarily using natural gas. Santostefano said workers for the construction company, O&G Industries, were purging the gas line when the explosion occurred.

Kleen Energy Systems LLC began construction on the plant in February 2008.

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# Iran accuses 7 broadcasters of spying for U.S.

TEHRAN Iran has arrested seven people linked to a U.S.-funded Farsi-language radio station for allegedly fomenting unrest, and accused some suspects of working for U.S. spy agen-cies, Iranian state media reported yesterday

The official news agency and Iran's state radio both cited an Intelligence Ministry statement saying the suspects played a role in violent anti-government demonstrations in Tehran on Dec. 27, in which eight people were killed and hundreds were arrested.

The violence was the worst since a harsh crackdown launched after Iran's disputed election in June. It said the seven planned to take part in opposition demonstrations Feb. 11. when Iran marks the 31st anniversary of the Islamic Revolution that brought the country's hardline clerical establishment to

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## Female foreigners arrested in Israel

**News** in brief LOS ANGELES Forty-three

homes in La Canada Flintridge. in the foothills north of Los Angeles, were damaged and 500 more evacuated Saturday after mud and water overflowed basins and surged into streets,

taking furniture, cars and concrete barriers with it. About 70 homes remained under evacuation orders vesterday morn-

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Israeli troops arrested two pro-Palestinian activists in the Palestinian-ruled West Bank town of Ramallah yesterday.

The Israeli military said the two women — Ariadna Jove Marti, 25, of Spain, and Bridgette Chappell, 21, of Australia, both members of the International Solidarity Movement

overstaved their visas, but also alleged they were involved in violent protests in the West Bank.

Their lawyer, Omer Shatz, said the pair were targeted for what he described as peaceful protests against Israeli policies in the West Bank. A judge issued an order preventing their deportation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# environmentally-friendly hotels

Luxury vacation destinations where the philosophy is: Less is more

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# Luxury isn't always extravagant.

Metro found five eco-hotels where they are showing that less is more.



Built and designed in total harmony with the local environment of Cornwall in southwest Britain, the aim of the Scarlet is to offer its guest a maximum luxury with minimum impact. There are wood heated hot tubs overlooking the sea and local foods including wild mushroom toast, leek risotto and chocolate tart. There is no Internet or mobile phone access and no children.

(scarlethotel.co.uk)



#### Three Camel Lodge Mongolia

In the shadow of the 47 million year old Mt. Bulagtai volcanic outcrop, this is an eco haven. Energy is wind and solar and the lodge owns a well and vegetable patch. However, if the temperatures do drop a personal attendant will fire up the wood-burning stove. There are camel rides by day and Mongolian dancing by night. (threecamellodge.com)



The hotel itself looks



Kolarbyn Eco Lodge in Sweden is a zero-carbon resort.

like the set of a Disney movie — a waterfall cascades from the top of a volcano shaped lodge built from local wood and stone.

The exterior is covered in shrubs, allowing it to effortlessly mesh with the local flora and fauna.

Try a dip in hot tubs carved out of tree trunks for the perfect tranquil moment

(huilohuilo.cl)

#### Kolarbyn Eco Lodge Sweden

Fabulously primitive Kolarbyn lodge means spending the night without electricity, sleeping on a sheepskin rug in a strange mud hut in a forest.

More fun than it sounds, it also means spending a candle lit night by the

beautiful Lake Skärsjön. Wake up and collect wild blueberries for your pancakes or try the floating sauna on the lake. (kolarbyn.se)

# Vamizi Island Mozambique

The resort was set up by a group of European private investors determined to create sustainable tourism on this tiny island.

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This Ipswich farm is a testing ground for zero-carbon farming

# Creating zerocarbon farming

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ENERGY Last year, Joanne Brannan set up the Oak Tree Farm project, housed in the United Kingdom, with the aim of cutting

down on carbon footprint. For the moment the Ipswich farm is nothing more than five hectares of bare field but she's planning her growing season this year.

"Three hectares are dedicated to the growing of vegetables and that's where the low carbon element comes in" said Brannan.

The fertilizer is locally made and the town council contributed by giving her wood chips. Once everything is in place, Brannan aims to deliver the vegetables to clients herself.

"People will be able to call me, order their vegetables and I will pick and deliver the produce on the same day using my bicycle trailer. I need to keep costs to a minimum so it helps I'm not wasting fuel or fertilizer," explained Bran-

Making the farm commercially viable will be her biggest challenge although she has already made ties with her distributors.



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# Toyota feels resale dent

Toyota's wilting reputation is beginning to affect the resale value of its vehicles, with one used-auto pricing service cutting its valuations by \$200 US to \$500, depending on the model.

Kelley Blue Book, the U.S.-based company that helps consumers determine how much their used vehicles are worth, says it has lowered the resale value for the Toyota vehicles involved in the company's massive January recall by one to two per cent.

The affected models include the popular Camry, Corolla and RAV4.

The recall created a unique set of circumstances for KBB, but the devaluation ultimately came down to the fundamentals of demand and supply, said Juan Flores, director of vehicle valuations at KBB.

Tovota recalled 270.000 vehicles in Canada and millions more in the U.S., Europe and Asia due to reports of a defective pedal that can stick and take longer than usual to return to the idle position. This will likely impact demand for used Toyotas, particularly given that the problem has been linked to wear and tear on older vehicles.

In a survey on KBB's website, 20 per cent of people who were intending to buy a Toyota before the recall are no longer considering the brand, Flores said.

On top of weaker demand, the Japanese automaker briefly halted sales and production of the affected vehicles until it found a fix for the pedal problem. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Toyota is rumoured to be set to recall of its Prius hybrid in Japan.

# Prius fix likely next

токуо Toyota said yesterday it will soon announce plans to deal with braking problems in its prized Prius hybrid amid reports it has decided to issue a recall for the vehicle in Japan, a possible new embarrassment for the world's biggest automaker.

The company has told U.S. dealers it is preparing

to repair the brakes on thousands of Prius vehicles there, according to a company executive email.

Prius drivers in Japan and the U.S. have complained of a short delay before the brakes kick in — a flaw Toyota says can be fixed with a software programming change.

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# TSX could feel heat

MARKET The Toronto stock market could see more selling pressure this week as investors weigh whether the most recent U.S. employment data will lead to a sus-

tained economic recovery. Worries about whether some European countries can get huge deficits under control has further discouraged stock buyers and the question now is how far markets will retrace after almost a year of steady gains. "Indicative of the employment report and a lot of the companies that were beating expectations on earnings, but missing on guidance, is this whole idea that we need to still readjust our expectations for 2010 down a little bit," said Colin Cieszynski, market analyst at CMC Markets Canada.

The TSX is down about 4.5 per cent since the beginning of the year as U.S. President Barack Obama

announced plans to curb risky trading by U.S. banks and China raised the rerequirements for serve banks to slow lending and cool a hot economy.

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**Business** in brief DIVIDEND McGraw-Hill Ryerson Ltd. said Friday it

earned \$3.6 million in its latest quarter and declared a special dividend. It is paying a onetime dividend of \$2.50 per share to shareholders of record on Feb. 18. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Former NFL star Warren Sapp was released from jail yesterday on \$1,500 US bond, a day after being arrested for allegedly choking a woman in his hotel room. Sapp was released at about 11 a.m. yesterday — when the NFL Network analyst would have been helping with Super Bowl coverage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Sports



# Sharks beef up blue-line

he San Jose Sharks have bolstered their defence by acquiring Niclas Vallin, left, in a trade with the Carolina Hurricanes. San Jose also plete yesterday's deal. The 34-year-old Wallin has played in 69 playoff games, the second-most in club history, helping the Hurricanes reach the Stanley Cup finals twice, winning it in 2006.

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# Jones wins third title in a row

**CURLING** Make it three straight for Jennifer Jones at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

Jones and Team Canada beat Prince Edward Island's Kathy O'Rourke 8-7 in 11 ends yesterday to win the title.

Jones scored one in the 11th to give her rink a fourth Scotties title over-

"I never thought we would do it," Jones said. 'To win three is incredible. The way we won today, the way we came back was awesome.'

P.E.I. held a 6-3 lead heading into the seventh end before Team Canada battled back to take a 7-6 lead.

"Obviously we were disappointed with the way we were playing," Jones said. "We're a scrappy team and we never give THE CANADIAN PRESS up.

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# Saints march to first title

New Orleans' Brees named MVP after tying Super Bowl record

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Put away those paper bags forever. Drew Brees and the Saints are NFL champions, rallying to upset Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts 31-17 last night in one of pro football's most thrilling title games.

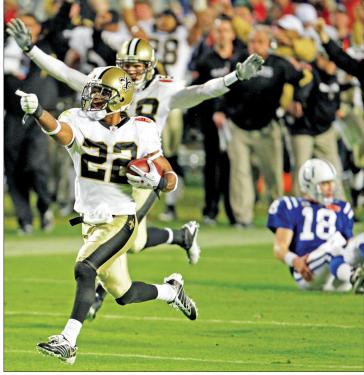
Brees tied a Super Bowl record with 32 completions, the last a two-yard slant to Jeremy Shockey for the winning points with 5:42 remaining. The Pro Bowl quarterback was chosen Super Bowl MVP.

'We just believed in ourselves and we knew that we had an entire city and maybe an entire country behind us," Brees said. "What can I say? I tried to imagine what this moment would be like for a long time and it's better than expected."

A surprise onside kick sparked the Saints' secondhalf comeback. Their 25thranked defence made several key stops, and Tracy Porter's 74-yard interception return on a pass from Manning, of all people, clinched it.

Manning gave futile chase, but was blocked by a New Orleans defender and fell awkwardly as the cornerback raced by. The four-time NFL MVP forlornly walked to the sideline as the Big Easy celebrations began. Who would have thought the biggest mistake of the game would have come from Manning?

"It's time for the Saints to celebrate," he said. "It's their field and it's their



New Orleans Saints cornerback Tracy Porter reacts as he returns an interception 74 yards for a touchdown against the Indianapolis Colts during the second half of last night's Super Bowl.

championship."

An NFL embarrassment for much of their 43 years, the Saints' football renaissance, led by Brees and coach Sean Payton, cliwith Shockey's maxed touchdown and Lance Moore's two-point conversion catch. The conversion pass originally was ruled incomplete, but Payton challenged the call and won.

Porter's pick, just as dramatic as his interception of Brett Favre's pass to force overtime in the NFC title

game, was the game's only turnover. It's one Manning will forever regret.

The Saints (16-3) won post-season games three this winter after winning only two in the previous 42 years. They beat Arizona, Minnesota and Indianapolis (16-3) — all division winners - for their first title, scoring 107 points and allowing only 59.

The championship came four years after Hurricane Katrina ravaged New Orleans, making the Saints nomads for the 2005 season. There even was some doubt they would return, but the NFL refused to abandon the Big Easy. The Superdome was rebuilt and the Saints won the NFC South in '06. their first season with Brees and Payton.

That was the season Manning won his only Super Bowl. He had the Colts in front for much of this one, but New Orleans' leagueleading offence outscored Indy 31-7 after falling behind 10-0. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### **Sports** in brief

SOCCER Chelsea beat Arsenal 2-0 yesterday to stay ahead of Manchester United in the race for the Premier League title. Victory lifted the Blues to 58 points, two more than defending champion United and nine more than thirdplace Arsenal.

Sapp released from jail

NASCAR Danica Patrick is expected to announce today if

she will enter the Nationwide Series race at Daytona International

Speedway on Feb. 13. NCAA Florida State University savs it will vacate a 2007 bowl victory and 11 regular season football wins, along with dozens more across 10 men's and women's sports, because of NCAA sanctions. ARREST Officials say Miami Dolphins defensive tackle Tony McDaniel is out of jail after being arrested and accused of domestic violence. McDaniel was released vesterday on \$3,500 US bond. Authorities say McDaniel returned from a night out with friends and then got into a fight with his girlfriend early

Saturday at his home in Davie, which is near Miami. BASEBALL Puerto Rico has defeated Mexico 8-2, forcing the Dominican Republic to win its final game against Venezuela to clinch the Caribbean Series.

**CRICKET** South Africa put match strategy ahead of chasing records as it declared its first innings at 558-6 on day two of the second Test against India yesterday. The total was five runs short of South Africa's biggest ever score against In-

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# Jubilant fans throng the streets in New Orleans

**CELEBRATION** Saints hugged, kissed and spilled onto the streets vesterday as a city-wide party erupted after their once woebegone NFL franchise defeated the Indianapolis Colts in the Super Bowl.

French Quarter crowds, beefed up by tourists in town for Carnival season and by those wanting to experience the euphoria of a

Saints victory, poured onto Bourbon Street to celebrate in a scene that looked more like Fat Tuesday than a Sunday night. The Saints won 31-17 in the franchise's first appearance in the big game.

As a brass band played When the Saints Go Marching In inside Irvin Mayfield's Jazz Playhouse, revellers jumped up and down, stood on chairs and tables and waved black and gold umbrellas.

"This is so awesome," said Darlene Milliet, as she hugged her sister, Cindy Lasiter, both of them crying in the French Quarter. "I can't believe it!'

Vince Scanil, a Tampa Bay Buccaneers fan in town for an anniversary weekend with his wife, said he remembered how special it

was when his team won their first Super Bowl, but it seemed extra special for New Orleans, a city that suffered so much after Hurricane Katrina

"Our hearts pour out for them. What a great city to win it," he said as he watched revellers.

"It's a heartwarming thing, the Saints."

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**Vancouver Games** 

# Will Olympics become 'Vonncouver Games?'

Big things expected from U.S. skier Lindsey Vonn

Maybe the only thing more brilliant than Lindsey Vonn's skiing is her personality.

The woman who can be ruthless in winning World Cup events is intelligent, articulate and photogenic at the finish line. Combine Vonn's persona with her potential to win three or more gold medals and she easily could become the international face of the Vancouver Winter Olympics.

Think Michael Phelps in a parka. Get ready for the "Vonncouver Games."

"Lindsey Vonn is the one athlete I can think of that would be a face of the Games not only in North America, but in Europe and the Far East," says veteran broadcaster Brian Williams, who will cover his 13th Olympics. "She is so well known in Europe and so dominant in women's sking."

ing."
Vonn, of Vail, Colo., has won nine World Cup races this season in downhill, super-giant slalom and the combined event. The 25-year-old is also the two-time defending overall World Cup champion.

Crowning an American queen of the ski hill would boost NBC's television ratings much like Phelps' swimming did during the last Summer Games when his eight gold medals made him king of the pool.

NBC has already made Vonn the centre of its marketing campaign for the Games. The network helped sponsor a contest for people to design the artwork on her Olympic race helmet.

Vonn seems content to play along with the hype, but understands the nature of ski racing.

of ski racing.
"I haven't given any thought to even the possi-



Lindsey Vonn takes first place during the Audi FIS Alpine Ski World Cup Women's Super-G on Jan. 31 in St. Moritz, Switzerland.

# "I am skiing really well right now, but anything can happen on race day."

Lindsey Vonn

bility of winning more than one medal at the Olympics because it is going to be really tough," she said during a recent conference call.

"Nothing is guaranteed in ski racing. I am skiing really well right now, but anything can happen on race day. All I am doing is preparing myself the best I can. I hope all the pieces come together for race day."

Circumstances could con-

spire to make another athlete the face of the Games.

Defending his Olympic gold medal in halfpipe would further fuel the marketing machine around American snowboarder Shaun White. The world could fall under the charm of South Korean figure skater Kin Yu-Na should she win the women's figure skating.

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# Kangaroo flag can stay: IOC

**RULES** Australians can hop for joy: Their boxing kangaroo is safe for the Vancouver Olympics.

The International Olympic Committee ruled yesterday that the giant kangaroo flag—the mascot for the Australian team—can remain displayed in the athletes' village for the duration of this month's Games.

The green and gold flag, which depicts a red-gloved cartoon kangaroo, has been hanging from a balcony from the Australian team's living area in the village since last Sunday.

The Australians had been under pressure to take it down because it was deemed too commercial and a registered trademark.

Australian Olympic Committee chief John Coates discussed the issue with IOC president Jacques Rogge, who then sent him a letter

confirming the flag could stay.

"While the IOC is of the view that the display of the boxing kangaroo at the Olympic village is a breach of the IOC rules relating to clean venues, the IOC is not going to request us to take down the boxing kangaroo flag on this occasion," Coates said. "It will stay up the entire Olympics. It means a lot to our athletes."

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# Workology

# McGill goes big with Wikipedia

In what might be the first officially sanctioned Wikipedia club on a post-secondary campus, Students Supporting Wikipedia was recently granted interim status from McGill University's student government. The main purpose of the club is to raise funds and contribute information to the online encyclopedia. The group hopes one of its continuing moneymakers will be on-campus donation boxes with the message, "If you used Wikipedia today, put in a quarter." METRO NEWS METRO NEWS SERVICES

# The guardian of the Olympic torch

his winter, thousands of lucky Canadians have had the honour of I carrying the Olympic torch for a kilothe metre or two.

But Jeff Simpkins has travelled with the flame for thousands of kilometres across Canada and back.

As one of just five torch

escorts working the entire relay, this police officer knows how lucky he is. "It's pretty amazing. It's neat to see Canada this way."

Simpkins, 48, is from Belleville, Ont., and thought about joining the police force as a young man. He studied chemistry and worked in research for

"I, like most people, said yes, thinking it wasn't going to happen."

Jeff Simpkins on his chance of getting the torch-escort job

a few years. Then, about 23 years ago, he walked into a police station in his home-

town and applied. walked in in October, and started in March. And I've never looked back since.' Working for the Ontario

Provincial Police, Simkin has been stationed across the province, and has been based in Orillia since 2001. He currently works with the Aborigi-

nal Policing Bureau. On his own time. Simpkins is a runner. He began long distance running when he was in grade 10 and also has never looked back. He does ultramarathons now: Races

for 50 kilometres or more "Most

that go

people know me as a bit of a running freak," says Simpkins. That's why one of

his senior officers ask him, many months ago, if he would work with the RCMP to escort the flame across Ontario. He accepted, and while doing a training camp for the job, filled out a form that asked if he'd be interested in acting as a commander for the entire run. "I, like most people, said yes, thinking it wasn't going to happen.

A week after he got

home, he got an email telling him he'd been selected.

He started his job on Oct. 30 in Victoria. His days begin as early as 4:15 a.m.. Simpkins and his team are primarily responsible for the safety of the flame and the bearers. His work



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torch (he can

cover as much as

45 km a day), assisting

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the time he eats dinner and spends an hour or so

> the next day, it's time for bed

He gets little rest and just a few days off here

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"Then it's back to normal

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Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

Taylor Lautner is now no longer just a hulking werewolf. He will soon embody Hasbro's popular '80s toy in Universal's adaptation of Stretch Armstrong. The movie, to be produced by Brian Grazer, will be released in 2012 in 3-D. EW.COM

# Entertainment

Crow a Cougar

scored a role on the ABC comedy as the love interest of Courteney Cox's character's recently divorced USMAGAZINE.COM

# Going for the gold

Warm up for Vancouver with these Olympic-themed films

# VANCOUVER 2010**Games**

With the Winter Olympics just days away, put yourself in the mood with a few movies documenting the thrill of the medal chase. Here's a look at cinema's take on the biggest event in sports.

BLADES OF GLORY Slapstick comedy meets pairs skating in this ludicrous 2007 farce from Will Ferrell and Jon Heder about rival skaters who team up to compete in the World Winter Sport Games. Ferrell plays the cocky Chazz Michael Michaels, while Heder is his one-time adversary Jimmy MacElroy. When their on-ice animosity goes too far they are banned from singles competition and take desperate measures to reclaim skating glory.

CHARIOTS OF FIRE Perhaps the most critically acclaimed of all Olympics-themed films, this 1981 tale about two runners prepping for the 1924 Games was nominated for seven Academy Awards, nabbing the prize for best picture. It's impossible to hear the famous theme song by Vangelis without catching the Olympic spirit.

**COOL RUNNINGS** A perfect prelude to the Vancouver Games, this 1993 gem looks at the plucky Jamaican bobsled team that charmed fans during the Calgary Olympics in 1988. Includes a standout performance by the late John Candy as Irv Blitzer, the down-on-hisluck bookie who agrees to coach the team.

**CUTTING EDGE** Another story that echoes the '88 Games, Cutting Edge opens American hockey player Doug Dorsey (D.B. Sweeney) taking a brutal hit during a game against West Germany. Long before Battle of the Blades made it cool for hockey players to



Jon Heder and Will Ferrell team up for laughs in Blades of Glory.

figure skate. Dorsey reinvents himself as one-half of a figure-skating pair with the imperious Kate Moseley (Moira Kelly). Although there was also a Cutting Edge 2 and 3, it's hard to beat the charm of the 1992 original.

ICE CASTLES There are two versions of this figure-skating tear-jerker to choose from - the 1978 original, featuring Lynn-Holly John-son and Robby Benson, and the straight-to-DVD update starring real-life figure skater Taylor Firth and actor Rob Mayes. Both follow the same routine, with promising skater Alexis Winston leaving her small

town with Olympic dreams to train under a renowned coach and become a champion ice skater. When a freak accident leaves her blind, the teen must dig deeper than ever to find the strength to dream big.

MIRACLE This flag-waving 2004 crowd-pleaser traces the unlikely triumph of a ramshackle U.S. hockey team over the intimidating Soviet squad at the 1980 Winter Games in Lake Placid, N.Y. Kurt Russell earned critics' praise for his portrayal of no-nonsense coach Herb Brooks, while the young athletes who portray the team hit the rink with an authenticity rarely

seen on the big screen.

PERSONAL BEST Running and romance mingle in this 1982 drama, better known for its risque lesbian story-line than its account of female athletics despite strong critical praise at the time. Mariel Hemingway and real-life track star Patrice Donnelly star as two highly competitive athletes training for the 1976 Montreal Games.

PREFONTAINE The tragic struggle of middle-distance runner Steve Prefontaine is laid bare in this 1997 retelling, which stars Jared Leto of My So-Called Life. The record-setting athlete makes it to the 1972 Mu-

nich Olympics, but a terrorist attack kills several athletes and leaves him shaken. He returns to the United States without a medal and becomes an outspoken advocate for amateur athletes. While training for the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal, he dies in a car accident at the age of 24.

RUNNING BRAVE This against-all-odds tale from 1983 focuses on long-distance runner Billy Mills, who pulled off a massive upset at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics when he claimed the gold medal for the United States. Robby Benson plays the Sioux athlete, whose rise to legendary status came de-spite virulent racism in the '60s and the dominance of established champions from Australia, New Zealand and the Soviet Union.

INTERNATIONAL VELVET In this 1978 sequel to the 1944 Elizabeth Taylor classic National Velvet, Velvet Brown has grown up and is guardian to her orphaned niece, Sarah Brown. Hostile and immature, the teen, played by a 14-year-old Tatum O'Neal, finds solace in her love of horses. With the help of a dedicated equestrian trainer played by Anthony Hopkins and the support of her aunt and uncle (Christopher Plummer), Sarah trains for the Olympics and becomes a champion horse racer.

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Charlie's car found

A Mercedes that Charlie Sheen reported stolen from his Sherman Oaks home was found overturned hundreds of feet down a nearby cliff early Friday, but there's no evidence anyone was in the car when it went into the ravine, police said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Here, there and Foursquare



icole Mitchell-Duff is the mayor of thirty-two places in Edmonton Foursquare, that is.

The location-based social networking game lets users connect with friends "check in" their downtown whereabouts. Frequent a venue enough, and becoming the mayor of that location is within reach: That's how she became mayor of the Starbucks in her Central Mc-

Dougall neighbourhood. While the thought of making your daily GPS-pinpointed travels fodder for vet another status update

feed sounds too much of an overshare, it's worth noting that Foursquare -300,000 users worldwide is fast becoming what many are predicting as the next Twitter.

Mitchell-Duff works in experiential marketing and also uses Twitter and Tumblr - uses Foursquare as a crowdsourced city guide. It's how she found out about the recent re-opening of the Art Gallery of Alberta and a ton of new brunch spots: "It's definitely given me an opportunity, or rather a reason, to explore my neigh-bourhood and (find) new things to do."

Which is why Mitchell-Duff Duff added a new Foursquare friend — Metro Canada. The partnership has spurred much attention, as it's the first news outlet the one-year-old platform has partnered with.

What's it like to be friends with Metro? During a weekend shopping trip at

## Badge 101

• If Foursquare makes going out a game, then badges are the bragging rights. They range from the introductory (your first check-in warrants "Newbie" badge) to the advanced (four party stops in a night? You're "Crunked"). Then there's the geo-specific morning

check-ins near a transit stop will get you the "Metro" badge!) Then there's Bravo TV's recent partnership with Foursquare, which means you'll see badges rewarding American viewers who dineout on Top Chef eats and shop at Real Housewife-approved haunts. How's that for social currency?

> the West Edmonton Mitchell-Duff got a Metro "tip" on her iPhone to venture into the food court and try a vermicelli bowl at the Urban Foodie-approved Hoang Long Noodle House. There's also the Metro

'badge" that she recently unlocked, an in-game status symbol that marks an advanced Foursquarer. (Mitchell-Duff is second on Edmonton's top 100 Foursquare leaderannounced every Friday in the paper finally provides discounts for those frequent check ins.

Eventually, predicts Robyn Payne, Metro Canada's marketing and research manager, the Urban Foodie tips will include geo-targeted news to provide further context to downtown exploration. "We want to tie local news and facts into locations," she

While Mitchell-Duff's quick to note a few kinks - she wishes there were more downtown tips, and tips were filtered by the city users are in - she's hoping that the newspaper at the very least gets more players in town and making mayorship more competitive: "I'm kind of itching to organize an Edmonton Foursquare Meet-up.'

Rea McNamara writes about the on/offline statuses of niches and subcultures. Follow her on Twitter @reeraw

# Charges against doc postponed

LEGAL The circus that swirled around Michael Jackson when he was alive rolled on Friday as the doctor expecting to be accused of involuntary manslaughter in his death planned to stage a surrender at a courthouse but called it off after prosecutors announced charges will be filed this week.

Instead of the promised appearance by Dr. Conrad Murray, a crowd of reporters and photographers gathered outside a branch courthouse only got a drenching from a rainstorm. Murray, working as Jackson's personal physician during the singer's preparation for comeback concerts, has been under investigation since the 50-year-old pop star died June 25 after being administered the anesthetic propofol and sedatives to help him THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Acclaimed film composer

CHRIS ALEXANDER

Since Jack Warner first introduced synch sound in 1927's The Jazz Singer, music has been a major, defin-ing element of the cinematic experience.

Music is a character, as vital a presence as the script and the actors and among the legion of men and women who have devoted their professional lives to proving this, contemporary master Hans Zimmer, is an artist whose diversity

knows no peer.
Zimmer's body of work is staggering; with more than 100 features under his belt. umpteen awards and an uncanny ability to diversify his sound, his music has graced everything from Gladiator to the neo-noir of The Dark Knight.

His most recent work can

## **Oscar nod**

 Hans Zimmer is nominated for an Academy Award in the Music (Original Score) category for his work on Sherlock Holmes.

If it makes noise, I can make music with it: Zimmer

be heard in director Guy Ritchie's blockbuster holiday hit Sherlock Holmes, a score as irreverent as the quirky picture - a re-invention of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's beloved detective begged for.

"Guy gave me complete creative control to make the music I wanted to make," says Zimmer, in the middle of completing his score for Chris Nolan's upcoming Sci-Fi mind bender Inception. "But he also had to become my protector. This was Warner's fuzzy epic Christmas movie after all, and the out of tune piano's, banjos

and even the undercurrent of hip-hop beats frightened them a bit.'

Zimmer started his career in electronic pop music as the founding member of The Buggles, and was one of the first musicians to incorporate synthesizers and electronics with orchestral

"I've always believed that if something makes a noise, I can make music with it,"



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# Rice hones in on religion



#### Angel Time

Author: Anne Rice
Publisher: Knopf Canada
Price: \$35 (Hardcover)

THE OPENING installment in Anne Rice's Songs of the Seraphim series drives the stake in the vampire niche she's known for, honing in on religion. As a

on religion. As a lethal underground assassin, Toby O'Dare's

vocation is a far cry from the calling he once heard to join the priesthood. When he's visited by angel Malchiah, Toby's chance to absolve his sins is realized. Malchiah takes Toby back to 13th century England to embody a friar. Attempting to reacquaint himself with his spiritual core, Toby watches over a Jewish couple, whom gentiles believe killed their daughter over her decision to convert to Christianity.



#### The To-Do List

Author: Mike Gayle
Publisher: Hodder
Price: \$16.99 (Hardcover)

IT'S DIFFICULT enough to stroke off a few items on your to-do list, let alone complete the whole thing. But British author Mike

Gayle took the task index to another level,

aiming to fulfill a massive 1,277-item to-do list in one year. Increasingly conscious of his immaturity, when the married man in his mid-30s anticipated his second child, he decided to do some growing up and use the to-do list to do it. His comical memoir tracks Gayle's struggle through day 365, from "Eat more salad," to buying his wife "underwear from Agent Provocateur."



# Princess **Noire**

Author: Nadine Cohodas Publisher: Pantheon Price: \$37 (Hardcover)

NADINE COHODAS continues her exploration of 1950s blues and R&B culture, following books on Chess Records and Dinah Washington, with Princess Noire: The Tumultuous Reign of Nina Simone. Cohodas compiles a detailed biography of the Queen of the Blues, tracing her early life and musical rejection, through her eventual breakthrough and the internal trials she struggled with along the way. More than just a passionate vibrato, Simone's voice was also active in the civil rights movement, which Cohodas examines in contrast to her upbringing. Princess Noire commemorates both the public and private spheres of the musical legend's life.

Brian Coulton/for Metro Canada

## **Box office**

Estimated ticket sales for Friday, Feb. 5 through Sunday, Feb. 7 at U.S. and Canadian theatres:

- **Dear John:** \$32.4 million US
- Avatar: \$23.6 million
- From Paris With Love: \$8.1 million
- Edge of Darkness: \$7 million
- 5 The Tooth Fairy: \$6.5 million
- When in Rome: \$5.5 million
- The Book of Eli: \$4.8 million
- **Crazy Heart:** \$3.7 million
- 9 Legion: \$3.4 million
- 10 Sherlock Holmes: \$2.6 million

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sees the upside of a hangover,

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Liam Gallagher's new band won't be called Oasis because it's a "s—name," femalefirst.co.uk reports. The rocker has been busy working on a new album with his fellow former Oasis bandmates — except brother Noel. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# **Celebrity Buzz**

# etalk's Lainey Lui dishes out celeb dirt in three's hree

**COURTNEY LOVE.** Courtney Love frequently lays out her life on Facebook and Twitter. posting incoherent ramblings that read like a psychedelic online journal. While most of her scandal-ridden life has been embarrassingly and dramatically public

recently lost custody of her daughter Frances Bean - here three things you might not know about Love:

**ONE** She auditioned for the Mickey Mouse Club when she was 12 years old. Not surprisingly, she was not called back after reading a poem by Sylvia Plath. TWO Love dated Edward Norton for four years, her longest relationship, after dumping Gavin Rossdale. She claims Rossdale sent her a diamond ring that she ended up throwing into the Mississippi River, an act that she suggests eventually freed him for Gwen Stefani.

THREE She desperately wanted to play Satine in Moulin Rouge, a role that was written for Nicole Kidman. Love bitterly berated Kidman in an elevator following the release of the film, arguing that she could have performed it much better.

Lainey Lui is a reporter for etalk and runs the popular gossip site, LaineyGossip.com. As part of CTV's Olympic Broadcast Team, ainey is on the ground in Whistler reporting on entertainment news from the Vancouver 2010 Clympic Winter Games.

# A big birthday Butler

BIRTHDAY GIRL Jennifer Aniston headed to one of her favourite getaway spots, Los Cabos, Mexico, on the weekend where the actress got a jump

start celebrating her 41st birthday -Aniston's

big day

with a group of friends, people.com reports.

But this year, she had surprise birthday guest, Gerard Butler, her costar in the up coming comedy, The Bounty Hunter, Last month, the two were spotted laughing and spending a lot of time together at the Golden Globes. Aniston flew a

Flippant about flipping

Alex Young will di-

vide some of their

shared assets with

- literally — a coin

As reported at E!

News, court papers

say that some of the

former couple's be-

longings will "be di-

vided by alternating

picks after the flip

large group of pals inCox, her husband David Arquette and Sheryl

Crow. whose birthday is also Feb. 11, to the One & One & Only Palmilla resort Thursday evening.

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er have to change yourself like that," the actress says. "If somebody loves you, they'll love you no matter what.

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# Kristen's big day in court

wise normal run of jury duty for Kristen Stewart may end up causing one security guard his job. The Twilight star served on a three-day trial in Los Angeles last week and on her last day agreed to pose for a photo with a security guard, according to E! Online. The man reportedly allowed a friend's wife to post the photo on Facebook, and now they

"Right now my husband and the security guard are in trouble for (the picture) having gone up," the man's wife reportedly posted online after removing the photo. "It is confidential when

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# Face to face

AS IN, SHE WANTS HERS Jessica Alba is usually flattered by compliments on her looks, but this may be taking things to far. A Chinese woman is reportedly planning a plastic surgery makeover to look more like the Valentine's Day actress in hopes of winning back her lover, according to the Associated Press. Alba admits she finds it distressing

"I think you should nev-

both may be in hot water.

celebrities are in court.



#### God is willing to negotiate, and JOHN MAYER parties like a different kind of rock star. @Snooki Sittin in the airport is annoying. Some guy just came up n poked me — this isn't facebook bro LTLline I feel sorry for people that don't drink cause when they wake up thas the best they gonna feel all day @SherriEShepherd Lord thank you for blessing me 2 wake up today but do I still have 2

go 2 the gym? I'm sick... not enough of an excuse? @johncmayer My life on the road is a lot like 70s Fleetwood Mac, except in-

stead of cocaine it's Cinnamon Toast Crunch. METRO WORLD NEWS

# Tiger comes out swinging

FOR HIS FAMILY, SEE? THE RE-**HAB WORKED** Tiger Woods has left the rehab facility in Mississippi where he's allegedly been staying to treat his sex addiction. according to Radar Online.

He headed home to Florida with wife Elin Nordegren to be briefly reunited with his two children, who he hasn't seen in six weeks.

The couple reportedly now want to spend time alone working on salvaging their relationship.

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# Creepily crushing on Keira

AT YOU ... AND LOOK ... AND LOOK, IS THAT TOO MUCH TO ASK? Keira Knightley felt "threatened" by a man arrested on suspicion of stalking her, femalefirst. co.uk reports.

NO, HEADS! When it

comes to divorce set-

tlements, Kate Walsh

is a real innovator,

usmagazine.com re-

Following a report-

edly tough round of

negotiations, a judge

ruled Friday that Walsh

and her ex-husband

ports.

The British actress called police last Thursday after she was constantly bothered by 41-year-old Mariek

Daniluk, who would regularly turn up at the theatre to see her.

A source

The Sun newspaper: "He did not make any specific threats to her but she was concerned enough to call the police.' Police have confirmed

will pick first.

In the rest of the divorce

settlement announced Fri-

day, Young will receive \$627,000 US from the Pri-

vate Practice star, and half

of her pay between the start of her Sept. 2007 mar-

riage through their No-

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vember 2008 separation.

the man was arrested outside the theatre over harassment allegations.

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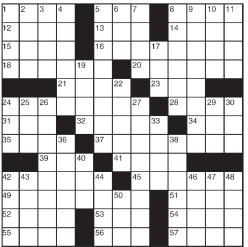












#### Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone - one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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# Take Five



# **Green Gazpacho** with Hot-smoked Salmon

#### INGREDIENTS:

1 large green pepper, chopped 1 cucumber, trimmed and chopped 1 onion, chopped 1 ripe avocado, halved, pitted and peeled 1 garlic clove, chopped 6 tbsp (90 mL) fresh flatleaf parsley 2 1/2 cups (625 mL) vegetable stock 3 tbsp (45 mL) balsamic vinegar 3 tbsp (45 mL) extra virgin olive oil 8 oz (250 g) hot-smoked

#### METHOD:

1. Put pepper, cucumber, onion, avocado, garlic, parsley, stock, vinegar and oil in food processor or blender. Season, then process until smooth.

2. Keep covered in refrigerator until needed, then ladle into serving bowls and add strips of salmon to each bowl.

#### rd.ca

For nutritional infor mation on this and out Key Ingredients



# Horoscopes by Sally Brompton sallybrompton.com

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#### ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Be true to yourself, even if it means falling out with someone you would prefer to stay on good terms with.

#### LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23

If you go to extremes you will encourage others to be extreme as well — and the situation will get out of hand quicker than you thought possible.

#### **TAURUS**

APRIL 21-MAY 21 Today's marvelous idea could be tomorrow's costly mistake, so don't commit yourself to anything for the time being.

#### **SCORPIO** OCT 24-NOV 22

A week or so from now you will know for certain if something you have been working on stands a realistic chance of suc-

#### **GEMINI**

MAY 22-JUNE 21 You will undoubtedly feel sorry for someone you meet today but what they really need is something to get them motivated again.

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## **SAGITTARIUS**

NOV 23-DEC 21
Today's cosmic set-up warns you must not push yourself too hard physically, nor allow your emotions to dictate your ac-

#### CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22 You are taking a certain person far too seriously. It doesn't matter what they say is the right way to go about things, you must stay true to your instincts

#### **CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20**

Capricorn is a cardinal sign, meaning you are a leader rather than a follower, so start a new trend and you'll be the talk of the town.

#### LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

salmon, strips.

You don't like to compromise but just this once it might be wise to meet a rival halfway, especially if they may be able to help further your ambitions.

#### **AQUARIUS** JAN 21-FEB 18

It's good to be honest but you must not be cruel. There is nothing to be gained from damaging a loved one's ego.

# VIRGO

This looks like being a wonderful week but it could be more wonderful still if you deal with a work-related issue immediately.

## **PISCES**

FFR 19-MARCH 20

Chances are you will clash with someone in a position of power either today or tomorrow. If they are truly professional they will thank you for it.

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# This day in history

1587: Mary, Queen of Scots was executed at suspicion of having been involved in the Babington Plot to murder her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I of England.

1692: A doctor in Salem Village, Massachusetts Bay Colony suggests that two girls in the family of the village minister may be suffering from bewitchment, leading to the Salem witch trials 1807: Battle of Eylau — Napoleon defeats Russians under General

1915: D.W. Griffith's controversial film The Birth of a Nation premieres in Los Angeles.

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